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Subject: RE: For Review and Signature: Response to Senator Feinstein letter dated March 8, 2021

Excellent. Thank you very much. This is just what I envisioned.

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While I watch the Rep Levin meeting unfold (so far, so good! And Sonam told me of your quick thinking re Hotspot and WiFi), I wanted to let you know that I did finish a much shorter draft of the Feinstein response. Preview attached. SFD is looking it over before I officially present it to you, but I just wanted you to see that there's progress toward your goal.

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Hi Sonam and Mike,

This response is much too detailed. It should not contain the history, which the Senator's letter shows that she knows, nor should it contain the level of detail that even her staff would have a hard time understanding. It should contain assurance that we prioritize the PV Shelf cleanup and that we're taking steps to deal with the deep-sea contamination. Here is an edited first paragraph:

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Beyond that, the letter should say what we're doing, briefly, that we're doing it as expeditiously as we can, etc., in no more than a page or so. The NOAA draft is at about the right level of detail, although ours should certainly contain more information because we're doing work to remediate the site. We should address the site cleanup first and the deep-sea, multi-agency issue second.

Mike, would you try to edit based on this guidance? I found our website helpful in explaining the big picture of our cleanup, which would probably be of more interest to the Senator than the description contained in the current draft.

Thank you.

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Hi Deborah,

Attached is a draft response to Senator Feinstein's incoming letter dated March 8, 2021 regarding DDT contamination off the California coast. This draft has been reviewed by Enrique and Mike. Please let me know if you have any comments.

Thank you,

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